

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-15 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) over Noda (US 2003/0128387). This rejection is traversed.

Claim 1 is directed to a network scanner device for transmitting image data through a network. The device includes a storage section in which sender e-mail addresses and mail titles are stored in association with each other, the sender e-mail addresses being distinct from a sending station address specifying the network scanner device. The device also includes a second setting section for, when a sender e-mail address and mail title is selected, setting up the selected sender e-mail address in place of the sending station address. A transmission control section carries out control for adding to scanned image data the sender e-mail address and the mail title set by the second setting section and transmitting the image data to the recipient address set by a first setting section.

Noda fails to disclose or suggest a storage section in which sender e-mail addresses and mail titles are stored in association with each other, as claimed. The Examiner contends that Noda discloses the claimed storage section in paragraphs [0005], [0006], and [0013]. These portions of Noda describe registering “ID data such as names, IP addresses, electric mail address [sic], and the like of the addressees and addressors” (paragraph [0005]). Contrary to the Examiner’s contention, Noda does not disclose that mail titles can be registered, much less that mail titles can be registered in association with sender e-mail addresses, as claimed. Furthermore, Noda does not suggest that mail titles can be registered in association with sender e-mail addresses since it describes the data to be registered as “ID data ... of the addressees and addressors.” For similar reasons, Noda also fails to disclose or suggest adding to scanned image data the sender e-mail address and the mail title set

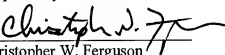
by the second setting section and transmitting the image data to the recipient address set by a first setting section, as claimed.

In view of the above, the invention defined by claim 1 is not anticipated nor rendered obvious by Noda. Claim 1 is thus allowable. Claims 11 and 12 recite similar features as claim 1 and are allowable for similar reasons. The remaining claims are allowable due to their dependency on an allowable base claim. Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejection and issue a Notice of Allowance.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief, including extensions of time, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing Docket No. **204552031700**.

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